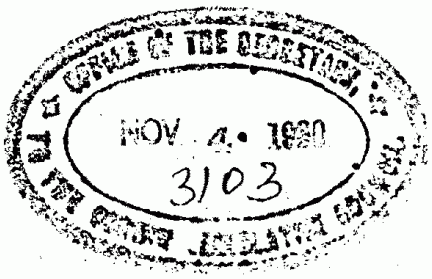

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, *the* *2nd of August 1930.* / *18th of Karkadagam 1105.*

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. The Political Agent was also present. Messrs. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar, A. S. Harihara Ayyar, S. S. Koder, K. T. Mathew, Ouseph P. Kundukulam, M. K. Raman, Dr. A. R. Menon and Mr. A. B. Salem were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Consumption of liquor.

16. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what steps have been taken from year to year since the inauguration of the Legislative Council in reducing the annual consumption of liquor ;

(b) how has this been carried out from year to year with respect to the number of trees annually tapped for fermented toddy and quantity of arrack consumed annually and with what success ?

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—(a) The following steps have been taken :—

(1) Increase in the duty on arrack and increase of tree-tax.

(2) Reduction in the number of shops.

(3) Reduction of the limit of private possession of liquor without license.

(4) Imposition of conditions in the license for discouraging attraction.

(5) Restriction in the location of shops and the removal of shops as far as practicable away from places of public resort.

(6) Restriction in the matter of granting occasional licenses.

(7) Temperance teaching in schools.

(b) Nothing has been done with respect to the number of trees tapped for fermented toddy and the number of gallons of arrack consumed. These alone do not form the criteria for judging the success or failure of the steps taken by the Government.

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